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SUBJECT: SOVIET WHEAT PURCHASES

1. AN AMERICAN WORKING IN STAVANGER, NORWAY, MR. M.E. LOYD, HAS ADVISED U.S. COMMERCIAL ATTACHE IN OSLO OF DISCUSSIONS HE IS HAVING WITH SOVIET EMBASSY, OSLO REGARDING POSSIBLE SALE OF U.S. WHEAT TO USSR. MR. LOYD STATED HE AND TWO PARTNERS HAVE COMMITMENT ON 3.5 MILLION TONS OF HIGH PROTEIN SPRING WHEAT AND THAT THEY HAD APPROACHED SOVIET EMBASSY WITH FEELER ON POSSIBILITY OF TRADING WHEAT FOR SOVIET CRUDE OIL. HE SAID RUSSIANS HAVE RESPONDED THAT THEY HAVE NO INTEREST IN TRADING CRUDE OIL BUT THAT THEY ARE DEFINITELY INTERESTED IN BUYING THE WHEAT. LOYD AND HIS PARTNERS ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICIALS AGAIN ON AUG. 26.

2. ACCORDING TO LOYD, HIS DEALINGS IN THE UNITED STATES ARE WITH THE PELTRON CO. OF HOUSTON, TEXAS. PELTRON WAS SAID TO BE A HOLDING COMPANY WITH SOME EXPERIENCE IN GRAIN TRADING. LOYD SAID PELTRON'S REPRESENTATIVE HAS ALREADY BEEN IN CONTACT WITH DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND AGRICULTURE IN WASHINGTON AND HAS RECEIVED CLEARANCE TO SELL THE GRAIN TO THE SOVIETS.

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